

## **Susan E. Thomas, BS**

Susan Thomas is the Program Manager for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. Since 2008, she has facilitated the Statewide Missouri Cancer Consortium, (MCC) a partnership of cancer related organizations from around the state. The MCC, along with DHSS develops and implements the State Cancer Plan and works with epidemiological staff to complete the Cancer Burden Report, which details the specifics of cancer and risk factors in Missouri. She works with the partners to ensure that activities related to cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and survivorship in the state cancer plan are prioritized and being implemented.

Susan also manages the Cancer Inquiry program within DHSS. The Cancer Inquiry program receives calls from citizens concerned about a possible excess of cancer in their community. Susan works with the Cancer Inquiry Committee, made up of individuals from DHSS as well as Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Cancer Registry, to determine if a caller's concern should be investigated for a possible cancer cluster.

Before working in Cancer and Chronic Disease Control, Susan spent 14 years working in the Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, where environmental exposure to toxins were investigated for possible health effects.